Christmas Shopping Edition

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Broad Street

By HARLEY M. LEETE, JR.

Looking into our grab bag of civic suggestions we find one from a distinguished resident of Nevada Street. This gentleman points out the dreadful incidence of auto crashes on the south side of that street and strongly recommends placing a sign warning of the 25-mile-an-hour zone 200 feet outside of the city limits and before the present speed limit sign.

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As the motorist cruises into the city, he has gained, unless he is a careful fellow, considerable speed while zooming down the long Tahoe-Ukiah grade. Rounding a sharp curve, he suddenly sees the 25-mile limit sign. If he applies brakes, he may do it just as he hits the horrible hump within the city line. This throws his car out of control.

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Enough automobiles have gone haywire in this particular area, to bruise, bend and scar the big elm trees on the side of the road. There have been four serious accidents in the last year. The "distinguished resident" to whom we refer, has warned his tenants not to park out in front of the property, lest their automobiles be demolished by the eccentricities of speeding motorists.

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Next on the list for our personal civic improvement league is a mail box for the corner of Pine and Broad Street. This teeming crossroads of the Sierras, thronged day and night by busy passers-by, is devoid of Uncle Sam's olive green postal receptacle while far nooks and corners and virtually uninhabited sections of the town boast of more than ample mail box service. There—that makes two brilliant crystal thoughts for civic improvement we have thrown right out on the table today. This one was contributed by a well-known civic leader whose innate modesty compels us to characterize him only by the initials H. F. S. (as in Sofge).

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Way over there, through the snow and slush of the almost insurmountable Town Talk Gap and Shaw's Hill Pass, a little group of tired men have been gathering daily in the Blue Bird on Mill Street. They are the cast of The Drunkard, the play put on for the past three nights by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The performance has been acclaimed a great success, but rugged weather dented attendance. The daily gatherings are to discuss finer points of histrionic art as subtly displayed in this erudite drama of alcoholism.

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Shortly after the first of the year, Little Lois Hardy, the ill-favored heroine of the Kiss of Death case, will come again to trial for her life in the Superior Court. A dense fog of time and confusion now surrounds the climactic moment when James W. McClain met his death on a Hirschdale hillside. The 95 pound enchantress, who has been living gloriously in the shadow of death in the Tehachapi prison for women, has a nose as long as your arm, and it is difficult to clothe this case with glamor, however lurid.

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Warning: If that Hills Flat merchant, who has been playing with the $50 electric train he bought for his 12-year-old son, does not desist in recklessly running the engine off the rails, in pre-Christmas trial trips, the Nugget is going to report him to Santa Claus, even if he has got the smoke-puffing and whistle-blowing mechanism working perfectly. And that goes for Joe, too.

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Frank Finnegan's new dream house, on the old Finnegan property (original well and all) has a bright new shake roof that looks like snow even when it ain't, and can be seen for miles, like from the top of the Tahoe-Ukiah grade on the opposite side of town.

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When walking by the Nugget, 305 Broad Street, kindly come in and place a printing, subscription or advertising order. Then go outside and admire our snappy window displays. In the east window we have a panorama of placer mining with a backgground by the noted Oakland artist Maurice Logan. In the west window, we have a fine display of original drawings for lithographs by the famous Murchie Road Michaelangelo, George R. Mathis, whose prolific work has contributed much to put Nevada City on the artistic map.

XMAS COUNCIL MEETS

GRASS VALLEY: The Grass Valley Christmas Council, meeting in the Raddue Building Thursday night, heard preliminary reports on the presentation of the Drunkard, sponsored by Grass Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce and presented Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the Veterans Memorial Building.

RELIEF SOCIETY DINNER

GRASS VALLEY: The Catholic Relief Society will give its annual Christmas dinner and party the evening of December 19th, in Serra Hall at 8:30 o'clock.

FRED L. COLE PASSES IN PASADENA

NEVADA CITY: Word was received here Tuesday night of the death of Frederick L. Cole, nationally known mining operator, in a Pasadena hospital. Cole was very well known here and at one time owned a large portion of Gold Flat.

His many interests included presidency of Valley Gold Mining, Inc., which owns 180 acres in Willow Valley. He was a close friend of Frederick F. Cassidy and of Hal P. Davis, of this city. Davis is secretary of Valley Gold Mining, Inc. He was a cousin of the late H. Ward Sheldon.

His death occurred after a serious operation.

GRANITEVILLE HOTEL BURNS TO GROUND

GRANITEVILLE: The Graniteville Hotel and the house next door to it burned down Saturday afternoon, following what is believed to have been a butane gas explosion which took place while the proprietors were away.

Despite 24 inches of snow on the ground the Tahoe National Forest Service sent two pumpers and a hose vehicle to the fire, but turned back when Mrs. F. B. Brenneman phoned that both buildings were on the ground.

The hotel was a landmark in the area, having been built more than half a century ago. Many mining and logging workers made it their home. It was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Simpson who were both away at the time. The house next door also burned. It was the property of Robert Kline, also absent.

CORAM NOBIS WRIT HEARING POSTPONED

NEVADA CITY: The hearing on a writ of error coram nobis in the case of Herbert Columbus et al, was continued Tuesday morning until Friday morning, when it was learned Judge Lowell Sparks of Placer County would be unable to preside in absence of Judge James Snell, who is sitting in Oroville, Butte County.

Four men, Robert Kraus, Melburn Stohl, Floyd H. Curtis, and Herbert Columbus, arrested by Game Warden Earl Hiscox, and charged with the illegal possession of an artificial light and a loaded rifle in game territory, who were fined $250 each by Justice of the Peace Charles A. Morehouse in Grass Valley, have applied for the writ. They were accused of having violated Section 1151 of the State Fish and Game Code.

REV. CASEY TELLS CHRISTMAS RITES IN LETTER TO FLOCK

NEVADA CITY: Rev. Dahlgren E. Casey, of the Methodist Church, has announced the Christmas Worship Service for this weekend, to his congregation, by means of the following interesting letter:

Dear Friends and Church Members:

The Church comes to greet you at this Christmas Season. It is the Church that has kept alive the message of the Christ Child through the ages. Many pagan and secular influences have fought their battles against the Church, and its message; but each year the words of Isaiah seem to glow a bit brighter: "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

This is the season of the year when men rejoice, more than at any other time. In spite of cold indifference of many hearts throughout the year Christmas brings a softening and mellowing, as in the case of old Scrooge, the wheezing, rasping, old sinner in Dickens' "Christmas Carol." In the "Christmas Carol" Dickens has Tiny Tim to say, "God Bless use everyone." That is our prayer for all of you this Christmas Season.

Our Christmas Worship Service will be Sunday the 19th at 11 o'clock. The theme will be: "Emmanuel, God With Us."

The choir, under the direction of William Tobiassen, will present a program of Christmas music at 7:30 P. M. Sunday the 19th.

The following Wednesday evening the Church School will have their program and party starting at 7:30 P. M. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

May we wish for you a Very Happy Christmas.

Sincerely,
Dahlgren E. Casey,
Methodist Minister

LOCAL ELKS WILL CELEBRATE FIRST FIFTY YEARS SATURDAY

NEVADA CITY: The first fifty years of Elkdom in Nevada City will be celebrated Saturday night when the local Elks present 50-year gold pins to its three charter members, Philip Scadden, Ralph Gaylord and James Colley. The affair will be highlighted by a banquet for all Elks at which Judge James Snell will act as toastmaster and impressario Frank Stewart will be master of ceremonies. Initiation following the fun program will be in charge of Richard Goyne, teller of tall cousin-jack stories, who will also participate in the program.

The local Elks have long been an influence for good in Nevada City community life. At present the 410 members of the local lodge contribute generously to the eye and dental clinic for qualified children needing such assistance. The Girl Scout Camp and the recent polio benefit received substantial help from the organization.

The golden jubilee year that will commence Saturday night will reach its climax on October 18, 1949, when a grand ball will be held to commemorate the granting of the charter from the Grand Lodge. Several years ago the mortgage burning ceremony took place at lodge home on Pine Street. The building houses club and entertainment rooms as well as dining facilities, ballroom and bowling alleys. John Sbaffi is the present Exalted Ruler and will be followed by Robert Tamblyn in April.

A full round of fun has been arranged for Saturday night. A roast beef dinner will be served at 6:30 with Judge James Snell, himself a 39 year member of the local order, extolling the virtues of the honored charter member guests. Frank Stewart, of the ready wit and the innuendo, will act as master of ceremonies and as Santa Claus will distribute free gifts of champagne to lucky holders of banquet number tickets. Initiation, presentation of 50-year pins and the annual Elks roll call will follow the banquet.

Past Exalted Rulers will occupy the officers chairs: John Fortier, Exalted Ruler; Jack Siegfried, Leading Knight; Chester Scheemer, Loyal Knight; Curtis Clark, Lecturing Knight; George Calanan, William Wasley, Inner Guard; and Horace Curnow, Treasurer.

DONATION DAY, A UNIQUE GRASS VALLEY CUSTOM

GRASS VALLEY: Donation Day, a unique old time Grass Valley event, takes place tomorrow, December 17th. Whether the usual parade of school children and business men takes place depends upon the weather. If the weather is clear the usual procession with the high school band in the van will take place. Donation Day is sponsored eac year by the Ladies Relief Society.

In event of snow, all contributions of food, fuel and clothing for the needy families of Grass Valley will be left at the several schools of the city, and picked up by truck.

The parade will form in East Main Street, weather permitting, and will march up Main to Mill Street, thence to Neal Street and then head for the Elks building, the distribution center, on South School Street.

N. I. D. PRESENTS HALF MILLION BUDGET

GRASS VALLEY: Forrest Varney, manager of the Nevada Irrigation District, has presented the 1949 budget to the board of directors. It amounts to $579,575 and is expected to cover maintenance, operating costs and urgent construction.

Under present bond and loan contracts the budget must be submitted to the District Securities Commission for approval. The budget is limited to actual revenues received during 1948 for general fund purposes. This amount is $405,000, which will only provide for financing the $250,000 loan and operation expenses. The construction items are contingent upon the necessary funds being received.

COUNCIL OKAYS NEW SITE FOR U.S. ARMORY

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City Council has approved a new site for the proposed $105,000 armory for Company E, National Guard. The new site, also located in Pioneers Park, is that formerly used for the childrens playground. City Surveyor Edward C. Uren will make a survey and plat of the site to be sent to the adjutant general's office in Sacramento as quickly as possible.

Lieutenant Harleth M. Brock, commander of Company E, reports that in several other cities in which plans were broached for armory buildings, work has already begun on the structures. He thinks this indicates Nevada City will soon have a building on the way.

SPICKELMIER ELECTED C. OF C. PRESIDENT

NEVADA CITY: Ray Spickelmier, president, heads a newly-elected slate of officers unanimously voted in at Wednesday night's Chamber of Commerce meeting. Other include Ira C. Bell, vice-president, who presided at the meeting, secretary Harry F. Sofge, and directors Milton Anderson, George Hansen, Stanley H. Halls, William Novak, and Moscoe Smart.

Main other topic of business was passing of a resolution, sponsored by Maxwell Flindt, to "endorse a program for the promotion and stimulation of the gold mining industry."

SIERRA-NEVADA C. OF C PUSHES FREE GOLD, SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

NEVADA CITY: The Sierra Nevada Chamber of Commerce is engaged in two projects, (1) to aid in every possible way the movement to create a free market for gold, and (2) to enroll a larger membership in the chamber.

The board of directors chosen will nominate officers January 14th and will seat them at the February meeting. The chamber will make a study of methods of locating new industries inside the county. George Hansen is president of the organization.

GEORGE B. LEGG IS NEW MASTER OF MASONIC LODGE

NEVADA CITY: Nevada Lodge No. 13, F. and A. M. has elected George B. Legg to be worshipful master. Other officers chosen are John Sbaffi, senior warden; Carl M. Ivey, junior warden; Benjamin Hall, treasurer; and J. F. Stenger, secretary.

Trustees of the Hall Association are Joseph W. Day, Thomas W. Lawrence, and Thomas H. Taylor.

Max Weiss, a member of the Chamlee Lodge 144 of Georgia, was presented with a 50-year button by Past Grand Master George L. Jones. The presentation was made at the request of the Chamlee Lodge.

MARVIN KITTS IS RECOVERING FROM 30 FT. FALL

GRASS VALLEY: Marvin Kitts, who suffered a 30-foot fall while at work on a P. G. and E. service pole, was reported late Tuesday afternoon by his physician as in favorable condition.

X-ray examinations, though not yet completed, indicate he is only suffering from shock and bruises. Kitts, a lineman, was working on a pole on the Perini Ranch near Bridgeport, when reportedly his safety belt became loosened and he fell. Wet, soggy ground is believed to have saved his life.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

SHEBLEY-SCHOFIELD — In Nevada City, December 10. 1948, W. D. Shebley, 49, and Anna Schofield, 36, both of Colfax.

TOUGH WINTER, PUT IN WOOD, SAYS BUSH

NEVADA CITY: Think this winter is wet? So far the area has a total of 10.9 inches for the season. Government weather observer Frederick R. Bush reports that in the winter of 1868 Nevada City enjoyed the clammy privilege of 115 inches of God's best rain and snow.

Sunday weather was characterized this week by a steady downpour which began before sunup and continued after sundown. On Monday the drizzle was mixed with cold sleet, to a total of 1.45 inches. Tuesday morning it snowed steadily. Low temperature Tuesday was 28 degrees Fahrenheit, but a high of 38 melted the snow as it fell.

Moisture content of snow and rain measured Wednesday totaled .20 of an inch, and low temperature was 30.

Weather recorder Bush remarks that while normal moisture precipitation for Nevada City is 52 inches per year, current conditions presage a severe winter. Bush earnestly recommends putting in a large supply of wood.

Wednesday dawned heavily overcast, and at daybreak an increasing fall of cottony snow stuck to pavements and ground. Motorists interpreted early morning signs as indicating a heavy fall, and many put on chains. An easterly wind, however, blew the storm clouds away and the sun shone brightly by 9:30 A. M., melting the dry snow.

Recent storms of the past week end left a total of 28 inches of snow at the Truckee Ranger Station, according to Wm. F. Curran, Fire Control Assistant. The depth of snow on December 3 was sixteen inches at 8 A. M. with a water content of one inch of moisture. Four more inches fell during the day, boosting snow depth to twenty inches and adding another .2 inches of moisture. Eight more inches of snow fell on December 5, adding 1.02 inches of moisture, bringing the total for the recent storms to 2.25 inches of precipitation and a total of 28 inches of snow; as compared with 2 inches of snow and .25 inches of precipitation at this time last year.

Not since 1945 has total depth of snow surpassed this total when 21 inches of snow fell, giving a 29-inch total at the end of November.

Total precipitation since September, 1948 ,is 3.67 inches, which is .12 inches under normal.

This storm brought to a close one of the longest fire seasons on the Truckee District, with fires occuring up to the night of December 2nd when nearly half a mile of brush and grass was burned along Highway 40, between Truckee and the State Quarantine Station. High winds preceding the storm caused brush and grass to ignite from controlled burning along highway right-of-way. Fire was controlled by State Highway employees with assistance from the Truckee Ranger Station.

A brief resume of the past fire season on the Truckee District showed a total of 26 fires of which 25 were man-caused and 1 caused by lightning. Of the man-caused fires, 20 were by careless smokers, two by campfires left unattended, one by children playing with matches, one by dumping hot ashes, and one incendiary. Of the 20 smoker fires four were caused by deer hunters, two by golfers, three by fishermen. two by horseback riders, one by hiker and eight by cigarettes thrown from automobiles. A total of 20.2 acres of timber and brush were burned during the 1948 fire season with all the damage due to human carelessness, states Curran.

XMAS TREE BLACK MARKETEER PAYS $25

NEVADA CITY: Mack Sam Graves, 10109 Bursh Street, Oakland, pleaded guilty in Justice of the Peace George Gildersleeve's court to possession of a small trailer load of Christmas trees without a notarized bill of sale in his possession. He was fined $25.

He stated he had bought the Christmas trees from a dealer somewhere in the vicinity of Sierraville, Sierra County, but did not recall his name. Gildersleeve informed him that if he did not produce a bill of sale by December 15th, the trees would be given to the National Forest service for distribution to charitable organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Polglase and daughter, Gladys, have returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Polglase in San Francisco.

READY FOR XMAS

NEVADA CITY: Now that the city police and the street crews have completed their decorations, Nevada City has the gala appearance characteristic of the holiday season.

At intersections are large red bells and the Christmas tree, a large live sequoia gigantea that stands at the junction of Adam and Sacramento Streets, towering 100 feet above the street, is resplendent with colored lights, topped with a beautiful bell.

On top of Sugar Loaf, Chief Max Solaro and his men have placed a large five point star, lighted with sixty large lights.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS; YOU'LL FIND BARGAINS

From unusually full stocks, merchants of Nevada City and Grass Valley offer charming Christmas gifts in selections of first class scope and value. Conditions are right for buying at home. Even the inclement weather bids shoppers to stay safely in their twin home community for Christmas buying.

In this issue of the Nugget, the leading merchants of the communities attractively display some of their wares. However, these but indicate the fascinating variety of available values.

Readers should be sure to personally inspect the splendid stocks that have, with studied judgement, been assembled by Twin Cities merchants for their pleasure.

LOGS WRENCH XMAS TINSEL

GRASS VALLEY: The police report that lumber trucks piled high threaten to tear down some of the new and beautiful Christmas garlands over business streets.

One truck, piled unusually high, did rip down two strands on Main Street. The police state that another such incident will result in the arrest of the driver.

TIME TO BE SET FOR NEW TRIAL OF LITTLE LOIS

NEVADA CITY: Judge James Snell stated he expects to have Lois Hardy, charged with murder, in court today or Monday to ascertain the wishes of her attorney, Lynne Kelly, and District Attorney Vernon Stoll regarding the time for a new trial.

The judge stated he believes she will not be tried again until after the first of the year when a new jury list will be available. Most of the jurors remaining on the list have either already participated in the trial of Lois or of Joseph Hardy, or have been rejected for various reasons.

Lois Hardy was recently returned from the Institute for Women at Tehachapi, following and order from the state supreme court reversing the trial of last January when she was sentenced to death for the murder of James W. McClain in July, 1947.

HARRY ENGLEBRIGHT PASSES BAR EXAM.

NEVADA CITY: Harry Jackson Englebright, son of the late Harry L. Englebright, for 19 years representative in Congress from this district, according to advices received here, has passed his bar examinations. He is a graduate from the Hastings Law School in San Francisco.

EX-CONS TO HEAR AUTOMOBILE THEFT SENTENCE TODAY

NEVADA CITY: Donald Colvard, 23, and Paul Raymond, 26, who pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile from Mrs. Emma Langworthy of Grass Valley on November 16th, will hear their sentence today in Judge James Snell's court.

The two men traveled as far as Craig, Colorado, before returning to Sacramento, where Colvard was arrested, and revealed that Raymond lived in Placer County, where he, too, was arrested. Both men were out of San Quentin on parole at the time of the theft.

High Shool Music Program For Xmas

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City Unified School District last Thursday evening gave its annual musical Christmas program in the high school gymnasium.

The program included the best talent in the community. In charge was Bill Tobiassen, vocal teacher, and William Goerz and Franc Luschen, instrumental music instructors.

CHORUS OF 93 FOR CHRISTMAS SONG FESTIVAL

NEVADA CITY: The colorful Christmas festival staged this evening in the Nevada City High School auditorium will present the annual musical event sponsored by the unified school district. Participating in the program are 225 high school and elementary students.

Heading the list of numbers will be the 93-voice chorus directed by William Tobiassen, singing The Holy City. A boys' quartet consisting of Dean Morrison, Kent Walker, James Branson and Robert Smithson will render Silent Night and Winter Wonderland.

The two hour program will be divided into two parts, Winter Wonderland, and A Savior Is Born. The last section includes the story of Christ taken from the New Testament and told by Joan Sheldon and Elizabeth Wilson. The various scenes of the Nativity will be shown in silhouette on the stage.

William Goerz and Franc Luschen are in charge of the instrumental groups which will participate in the first, or Winter Wonderland section.

GOLD TRAIL RIDERS MEET SANTA CLAUS

NEVADA CITY: The Gold Trail Riders gave a Christmas party last Saturday night in Seaman's Lodge, Pioneers Park. A roaring fire was built in the fireplace and the hall was beautifully decorated with boughs, red and green streamers, mistletoe and a fine lighted Christmas tree.

A potluck supper was served buffet style at 7:30 o'clock. After dinner moving pictures in color were shown of the last month's field day and ride over Cherry Creek Acres. Dr. Daniel Hirsch and Thelma Abernathy were thanked for the splendid job they did with their pictures.

After the pictures Santa Claus made his appearance dramatically and each person present received a gift. Bert Wiley of Sacramento, Riding and Hiking Trials Committee of the State Park Commission, gave a short talk upon the progress made on the Nevada County portion of the Master Loop Trail of 3,000 miles in California. Toni Harpe, president, gave a short resume of the work done by the Gold Trail Riders in furtherance of the project.

Folk dancing and refreshments concluded the evening.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL GIVES CHRISTMAS PLAY ON RADIO

NEVADA CITY: The Parent Teachers Association of the Nevada City Elementary School will present a dramatized Christmas narrative on its twice monthly program over radio station K. G. F. N. Tuesday evening at 7:15.

The cast will be comprised of talented children from several of the grades who will tell the story of a small angel who, while cleaning and polishing the stars for Christmas eve, falls asleep and is carried on a cloud down to earth where he becomes lost. The small animals of the forest rescue him and take him safely to Santa Claus, who returns him to heaven in time for the angels' Christmas party.

Included in the cast will be Jimmy Curry as the narrator, Ann Tamblyn as the angel, David Haley as the deer, Clif Pooley and Eddie Underwood as the rabbits, Marilyn Geist as the chipmunk, Ruthie Robinson and Judy Wallace as the birds and Victor Ives as Santa.

William Tobiassen will lead a picked chorus in the singing of Christmas carols. The program is under the direction of Floy-Margaret Reynolds.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Horace Curnow, having recovered from her recent automobile accident, is now well and at home. Mrs. Stanley Halls is recovering from the pelvis fracture she received. No longer suffering the intense pain of the first few days of the accident, she is at Miners Hospital.

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BIG STORIES OF '48

Stories of dramatic interest and far-reaching effect were not lacking in the year just closing. The top 10 selected by the United Press recalls the excitement, and in some cases the shock, of each.

Unsurprisingly, the presidential election heads the list. Every fourth year it is naturally one of the big stories. But this year with stunning Truman victory it overshadowed all others.

Rated No. 2 on the news " hit parade" is the Berlin airlift and cold war. That story may be with us for a long time yet. The high cost of living is ranked third. With most of us it's first.

Others in the order of their importance are: Mrs. Kasenkina's escape from the Russian consulate; Ghandi's assassination; the death of Babe Ruth; the China civil war; the U. S. spy investigation; the founding of Israel and Bernadotte's assassination; and the birth of Princess Elizabeth's baby.

Besides these there were many more events which at least rate "honorable mention" for their newsworthiness. For example, the rift between Tito and the Cominform; the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia and the apparent suicide of Masaryk; the formation of the union of Western powers; and the Italian elections.

By way of comparison, here were the 10 big stories of 1947 listed in the order of their importance: high cost of living; the cold war; passage of the Taft-Hartley law; the Howard Hughes-Meyer investigation; Texas City disaster; Princess Elizabeth's romance and marriage; partition of India; series of airplane disasters; Palestine problem; and World Series between the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Yankees.

THE ECONOMIC PICTURE

With department store sales showing a drop in quantity and dollar volume for the fifth consecutive week, it appears that total Christmas sales may decline this year for the first time in a decade.

This may indicate that buyer resistance has reached the point where it is exerting sufficient pressure to bring down prices.

One of the largest retail chains in the country recently slashed the price of its refrigerators; food costs, especially eggs and butter, have declined in the past several months and there are many other signs of a downward trend in prices.

Now this indicated change in the economic tide, which should bring about some healthy adjustments, presents an opportunity to all of us. That opportunity lies in conserving as much of our money as is reasonably possible now for use when prices are lower. In this way our dollars will buy more. The fellow who opens a savings account at the branch bank around the corner and builds up that account systematically is the one who will benefit most when substantial price adjustments become a reality.

A too-severe cut in normal buying is certainly not to be advocated since that would be injurious all around. But less careless spending will contribute to more careful saving and place the thrifty one in a better position to meet any economic change.

HERRINGS AND HEADLINES

Paradoxically, with the Un-American Activities Committee turning up its first real important evidence the "pumpkin" papers—in its long series of spy investigations, President Truman has renewed his charge that the Congressional spy hunt is a Red herring.

The President says that the committee is more interested in getting headlines than in getting facts.

His original charge to that effect was made last summer. Then the Committee's activity was distracting public attention from the inactivity of Congress in the special session called by Mr. Truman. At that time there appeared to be considerably more logic to his accusations than there is at present.

The Committee's discovery of the theft of highly secret documents from the State Department is unquestionably its biggest achievement thus far. Yet, the past conduct of the Un-American Activities group —its loose accusations and "'trial-by-headline" tactics —will cause a good many persons to side with the president and to further agree with him that the spy hunt should be handled by the Justice Department.

On the other side of the argument, it might be pointed out that the Justice Department has shown little energy or initiative in digging into some of these matters. It should also be recalled that the un-American methods of the committee have been protested by some of its own members.

Under improved leadership the committee is now beginning to serve a more useful and constructive purpose. Its members should strive, however, to live down some of the past performances by living up to the highest standards of fair play.

If this be done, all the accusations about herrings and headlines will either cease or fall of their own weight.

KITCHEN HINTS

As December 25 approaches, thoughts of festive Christmas food come to mind more and more often. Probably you've already baked your fruit cakes, but have you decided yet what you're going to serve for Christmas dinner or for any Christmas entertaining you are planning to do?

A good choice to keep in mind, and to plan your menus around, is a half ham, either the butt or shank end, counsels Reba Staggs, home economist.

The butt half makes an unusually fine appearance, as far as decorating is concerned, and is well suited to buffet entertaining, where the beauty of the table is very important. Several nice horseshoe slices may be carved from it, and there is plenty of meat for additional meals.

The shank half is a good choice for slicing. and makes meat for family dinners. Either the shank or butt half will leave plenty of meat for "left-over" meals, for both contain generous portions of the center section of ham.

The baking (or, more properly, roasting) of either the butt orf shank half of ham is easy and requires little attention. One of the most important things to remember, both from the standpoint of the final result and your own convenience, is to cook the ham at low temperature. Not only will the meat be juicier, but you will find there is no need for watching the meat as it roasts. There is no smoking or charring, consequently the pans will be easier to clean.

Place the meat fat-side up on a rack in an open shallow roasting pan. Roast in a 300° F oven until tender, allowing 20 minutes per pound.

When the meat is cooked remove it from the oven and carefully take the skin off the fat surface with a sharp knife. Turn the oven up high (400° F.), so it will have a chance to heat before you return the ham. Cover the fat surface of the ham with whatever glaze you prefer: brown sugar, honey, orange marmalade, brown sugar and mustard, or any other. Return the ham to the oven and bake until the glaze is a golden brown, usually about 15 or 20 minutes. In planning the timing for your meal, you might also consider that a half hour "rest period" between the time the ham comes out of the oven and the time it is to be carved increases the ease of carving.

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When someone says "good gravy!" at your house, is it because your gravy isn't as good as it should be or is it in deep appreciation for **the best** in the gravy world? If the former is the case, here are a few steps suggested by Reba Staggs, well-known food authority.

1. Use the proper amount of meat drippings, depending on the quantity of gravy desired. These contain both vitamins and the richest meat flavor.
2. Let drippings stand until fat separates. Pour off the fat from the roasting pan. Return 3 to 4 tablespoons fat to the pan.
3. Add 3 to 4 tablespoons flour and stir until smooth.
4. Add two cups warm water, stirring constantly.
5. Cook until thickened. The gravy will be smooth and glossy. Then season and serve—proudly!

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Holidays are usually accompanied by much baking, for the season does not seem complete without its general share of pumpkin, mincemeat and cranberry pies. Not only are the needs of the family to be met, but there is Christmas entertaining to think of: family dinners, buffets, and holiday teas or coffees.

This year perhaps you'll want to bake your pastries in the form of tarts, suggests Reba Staggs, food authority. That way you can use two or three different fillings and thus offer your family or guests a choice.

In making the pastry be sure to use quality ingredients including lard for maximum tenderness, then use individual pie pans or muffin tins for making the tarts.

CRANBERRY FILLING

1 quart cranberries
1 cup sugar
4 tablespoons flour or 1 and one third tablespoons cornstarch
½ cup light corn sirup
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 teaspoons vanilla

Pick over cranberries, wash and drain thoroughly. Combine sugar with flour or cornstarch; then add sirup, egg and vanilla. Combine this mixture with the cranberries. Put cranberry filling into 6 unbaked muffin-size tart shells or 4 unbaked individual pie shells. Bake in a hot oven 425° F. for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool before serving.

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Salt pork is a good old-fashioned treat that can be served in new ways to give "omph" to menus. For instance, try it with fried apple quarters. Reba Staggs, well-known home economist, suggests that this makes a hearty winter supper with creamed potatoes and a mixed vegetable salad.

Just roll the sliced salt pork in corn meal (if the salt pork seems unusually salty, cover the slices with water, bring to simmering temperature and pour off the water before rolling in corn meal). Fry slowly in a small amount of hot fat or place on a rack in a shallow pan and bake in a 350° F. oven for about 30 minutes. Fry the apple quarters separately and serve with the salt pork.

Salt pork can also be used to add life and that meaty touch to macaroni and cheese. Serve on a platter with the fried salt pork strips surrounding it.

Or you might dip the salt pork in corn meal, fry or bake it, and serve it with cream or tomato gravy as the meat in your main course. Another way, suggests Miss Staggs, is to dice the salt pork, fry it, and serve with baked acorn squash.

Just Wonderin'

I Wonder at the gifts we send,
At this time of the year,
Accompanied by our kindest thoughts
Of friendship, love and cheer;
We speak or write our messages,
In words that one may know,
But there are thoughts the gift inspires
That carry joy or woe.

As Christmas draws near, we hasten to our gift purchasing activities and send our messages of love and good will to those whom we hold especially near and dear. Our cards and letters tell our sentiments in unmistakable terms, but what of the gift we have chosen? It too carries a message and to the one who receives a gift, its message is often very clear indeed.

I think we should consider this fact, not only at Christmas time, but when ever we send a gift to any friend or prized acquaintance. What will this gift say to the one who receives it? What thoughts will it inspire? Will its message and its inspirational powers be for good or bad?

When we send Aunt Sallie a cake dish or a pie tin, what will Aunt Sallie do? Of course, she will be inspired to bake a cake or produce a pie of something more than ordinary merit. Give father a hand-painted, highly colored tie, and you run a risk, which I should not care to take. He may cast his eyes upon the gaudy thing and be moved to utter words that no one would ever think of displaying in headlines; and so it goes. Give little Nellie a doll and at once she becomes a little mother; love and all the protective instincts are awakened in her childish heart, together, it may be with the wish to take needle and thread and construct garments for the object of her affections. What does a sled, or a baseball bat say to the average school boy? They both call him to sally forth into the out of doors and try his skill sledding or sending a ball over the back yard fence. Yes, we can choose gifts which will speak for themselves and carry good and constructive messages to those who receive them. On the contrary there are gifts that bear no joyous message—gifts that put unlovely thoughts into the minds of little children —gifts that may mean something not in accord with the Christmas spirit, something which may lead in the long run to tragedy. This may seem far fetched and imaginative at first glance, but isn't it true?

Soon after the first world war, I saw a picture in a cosmopolitan newspaper. It was the picture of a gold star mother presenting her little grandson with a toy pistol. Somehow the picture jarred. This fine woman was socially prominent and her example would be followed, I thought, by those who ape the conduct of important personages. The result would be toy pistols in many young hands and what thought does a toy pistol, be it ever so harmless, whisper to the child mind? Why, with the toy pistol or harmless gun, you are sending one word into the child's mind, and that word is, kill.

The little angel faced child will at once begin pointing his firearms in all directions and shouting to his playmates, "I'm gonna shoot you!" Give the older lad a gun that really shoots and the birds of the air will become desirable targets and perchance the neighbors cat will feel the sting of the little something that these harmless weapons let go.

If boys mst handle guns, wait until they are older and can understand the gun owners code of good behavior. There are too many minds in the world of today wherein the word "kill" runs riot. Let's put constructive thoughts into the hearts of the young children to whom we send gifts at the blessed season of Peace and Good Will.

In the words of a well known M. C. "That's my slant." You may dub it a sentimental slant, but it is my own and I shall hold it without capitulation.

Adeline Merriam Conner

TIME FOR CLASS

By Chico State College

LANGUAGE STUDY IS THE KEY TO MANY DOORS

The study of various idioms not only enables us to make ourselves understood in several tongues, it also offers fascinating insights into the thinking, the folklore, the psychology of foreign peoples.

A comparison shows, for example, that the American "makes" his money, the Englishman "earns" it, the German "deserves," the French and Spanish 'win" and the Hungarian "looks for" it. Now, I do not wish to imply that the Latin peoples regard life as a gamble, the Anglo-Saxons see it as a sporting competition, while the Germans envision life as a Master who rewards the hard-working persons and punishes the lazy ones; nevertheless, such comparisons are not without significance.

To inquire about my welfare, an English speaking person will ask me: "How do you do?" A German will express the same solicitude by "How does it go to you?" The "it" means something mysterious, the powers of nature, like the Greek gods, forces both good and bad that can bring us happiness or precipitate us into the bottomless chasm of an earthly hell. Of course, all this is not conscious in the mind of Germans, yet the "it" of the above expression reveals a great awe before life. The inquiry about my welfare would be formulated by a Spanish-speaking person as follows: "In what state of health is Your Greatness?" and a Rumanian will ask: "Otherwise what are you doing?"

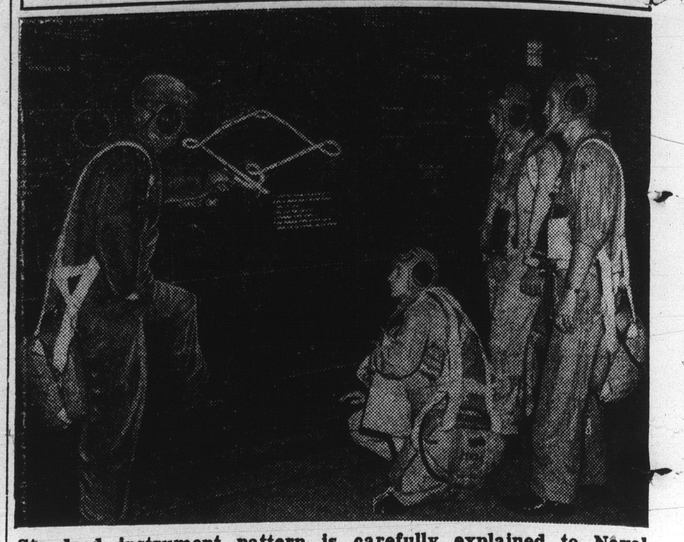
It is natural for us to say that we have caught a cold, but the phrase "to catch a cold" suggests to foreigners the image of a personified goddess of Cold who flees us and whom we pursue until we succeed in catching her. To be sure, this success like many successes with women, might become fatal for us.

To spend within one's means is translated in Hungarian, "to stretch until the limits of one's blanket." In French, if something is very far, we declare that it is situated "at the residence of the green devil." Even the various ways of counting gives interesting insights: almost all Indo-European languages have words to count from 1 to 10, only a few can count to 12, and none of them, to my knowledge, has original words to designate figures from 13 to 19 and must resort to adding, 3, 4, 5, etc. to 10. In French as spoken in France (but not in Switzerland and Belgium) they do not say "seventy," but 'sixty and ten,'" and instead of "eighty," they say "four times twenty" and 90 is "four times twenty and ten."

Though the study of languages in itself is a worthy goal, it constitutes an invaluable help in exploring other fields. For example, the old Egyptian civilization has become accessible to us since Champollion, a French linguist, deciphered the hyeroglyphes; the marvels of the ancient "khmer" treasures of art, such as the temple of Angkor, were revealed by the discovery of metal plates containing inscriptions, the deciphering of which by linguists helped the archaeologists in their diggings.

There is a saying in German: "'One has as many personalities as one speaks languages," and perhaps this saying is not entirely without foundation.

Pre-Flight Briefing for Embryo Pilots



Standard instrument pattern is carefully explained to Naval Aviation Cadets by their instructor in a pre-flight briefing at Pensacola, Florida. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty.

Signal From the Quarterback

Engine "revved up" for take-off, a Naval Aviation Cadet aboard the practice carrier USS Wright at Pensacola Naval Air Station gets the go-ahead signal from the flight dispatcher of an air group. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty. *(Official Navy Photograph)*

FIGHTING FIRE WITH ICE

Reno, Nev.—The drama of a recent disastrous fire in Reno is reflected in the faces of these two Red Cross volunteers. They're soaking cloths in ice water as protection for firemen against smoke and flames. The fire and resultant explosion killed five and injured 180.

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GOLD FLAT SCHOOL XMAS OPERETTA

NEVADA CITY: Children of the Oakland (Gold Flat) Grammar School will present an operetta on Friday, December 17th, entitled The Magic Christmas Bell. Mrs. Pauline Stevens, assisted by Mrs. Julia Peterson, direct the play. Miss Vera Mae Roberts is in charge of stage settings, Mrs. Jewell Gustafson designed the costumes and Thomas N. Farney, principal, is in charge of publicity.

The Parent Teachers Association. headed by Mrs. Clarence Walker, will contribute costumes for the rhythm band which appears in the operetta.

The following is the cast of The Magic Christmas Bell:

Cast of Characters

Wimble .....Carolyn Keith
Nimble .....Beverly Jamerson
Santa Claus .....Virgil Simpkins
Magic Bell Ringer, Leo Hawkins

Swedish children: Clyde Walker, Gail Welch, Lester Evans, Dorene McConnel, Michael Powell, Darlene Fly, Dan Fuller, Caron Ann Fuller, Bobby Evans, Maurene Chernoh, Billy Kolstad, Carlyne Driscol.

Puddings: Alan Keith, Gerald Purssell, Burnell Peard, Jack Woods, Tim Bissell, Norman Bowles, Roy Caster.

Scotch lads and lassies: Randall Kitts, Darlene Eddy, Vernon Woods, Larry Mayworm, Lois Berrian, Edgar Stahlschmidt, Edith Hurn, Gary Hazelton, Evelyn Campbell, Donald Bullard, Nena Conant, Dale Hefelfinger, Delois Allen, Edna Shephard.

Jack-in-the-boxes: Sherman Hanley, Dick McElhannon, Albert Tyler.

Japanese ladies: Karen Heyne, Patricia Coleman, Marlene Hart, Sue Courser, Carol Meservey, Linda Arbaugh, Julia Tyler, Judy Chernoh.

Dixie dolls: Donna Granholm, Donna Stevenson, Helen Bullard, Thoris Holloway, Norma Ricker, Jane March.

Christmas trees: Lonnie Roblee, Bobby Kolstad, Fred Clendenen, Jack Costa, Bobby Atkins, Donald Tyler, Larry Hefelfinger, Philip Joyal, Herbert Costa, Larry Granholm, Tommy Caster, Colin Hawkins.

Chinamen: Randy Gray, David Estes, Lindley Estes, George Costa, Johnny Yates, Jimmy McElhannon.

Spanish dancers: Joyce Evans, Martha March, Joan LaValley, Connie Field, Billie Marie Hurn, Suzie Setzer.

Balloons: Ladene Henderson, Ida Mae Peard, Judy McElhannon.

Indian maids: Kathryn Halstead, Judy Caster, Peggy Jo Kinney, Marilyn Michell, Pamela Bissell, Charlene Jones, Anna Marie Peterson, Vickie Engstrom, Audrey Stunkel, Mary Kitts, Judith Allen.

Cowboys: Oliver Hurn, Tommy White, Grant Hefelfinger, Hugh March, Jerry Jensen, David Cockerton, Alfred Peard, Gary Driscol, Charles Arbaugh, Jerry Hawkins.

Mrs. Pauline Stevens will play piano accompaniment.

Rhythm band: Third and fourth grades.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the parents who made costumes, the P. T. A., contributors of the rhythm band costumes, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Clarence Walker, and all persons who assisted in making our program a success.

Extra-Curricular 'Navcad' Activity

There's plenty of good, wholesome food at every "chow down" period for Naval Aviation Cadets in training at Pensacola Naval Air Station and seconds are always in order. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty. *(Official Navy Photograph)*

LEGION AUXILIARY MEET

GRASS VALLEY: The past presidents parlor of the American Legion Auxiliary will meet December 17th, at the Indian Mountain Ranch Resort. Mrs. Myrtle Lopes of Grass Valley will be hostess.

Myra Burgen, parlor president, will preside. Christmas gifts will be exchanged.

BUILD NEVADA COUNTY

Traffic Boom To Put More Trucks On State Roads

A nation-wide boom in motor carrier shipments is putting more trucks on California's highways than at any time since invention of the gasoline engine.

With truck loadings reported up 10 per cent or more over 1947, and promising to go even higher, the number of trucks operating within the State's boundaries is expected to total 543,025 units in early 1949, according to an analysis by SKF Industries, Inc.

"This state total reflects the increasing dependence of the nation's commerce on trucks," said Richard H. DeMott, vice president of the ball and roller bearing firm, who estimates that 1949 will find at least 7,250,000 trucks in service throughout the U. S. With the expansion of the motor truck's role in commerce, he added, has come a trend toward providing more "solid comfort" for the drivers.

Comfort is in fact, an outstanding feature of many of the trucks now rolling off assembly lines, he explained, with special emphasis on the "cushioning" of both driver and load against jolts, jerks and destructive vibration that occur at high operating speeds.

DeMott cited, as an example, an anti-friction bearing propeller shaft box which joins the transmission to the rear axle, absorbing vibrations and preventing their spread to the vehicle's chassis. The unit reduces driver fatigue and maintenance problems by smothering a major source of vibration at its origin.

It is one of a host of innovations designed to make the workaday routine of California's approximately 430,000 truck drivers more comfortable. These include seats mounted on hydraulic shock absorbers and equipped with foam rubber cushions that are adjustable into as many as five positions; roomier and air-conditioned cabs; larger windshields and windows for greater visibility; and better positioning of instruments and driving controls. Some of the more ultra-modern two-man trucks even have built-in beds behind the driver's seats. radios, and hot plates for making coffee.

Home Gadgets Impress Visitor From Denmark

SANTA BARBARA: The next time you fret about waiting several months for a washing machine or some other appliance, relax and think about the Danish version of this experience.

Take it from Miss Inger Bylling that such a wait is nothing. Her family has had an order in for a washing machine for three years, and still no washing machine is in sight.

Miss Bylling, head of the Home Economics Seminary at Soro, Denmark, is on a tour of the United States to learn the latest developments in the teaching of home economies. She is starting her observation at Santa Barbara College, University of California.

Expressing amazement at the number of gadgets and machines that ease the task of housekeeping for the American girl, Miss Bylling declared that such mechanical assstance would be the envy of every Danish girl.

Because the Germans stripped the country of machinery and factory equipment, the production of home appliances has been very slow. With American help, it is now picking up. The improvement in the economic condition of the country is noticeable, Miss Bylling commented, and the people are aware of the part the Marshall Plan assistance is playing in this recovery.

She observed that the older girls, many of who took part in underground resistance during the German occupation, are more apt to take a serious interest in political and economic developments.

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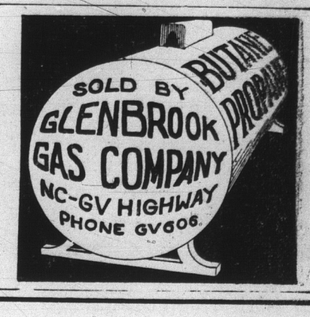

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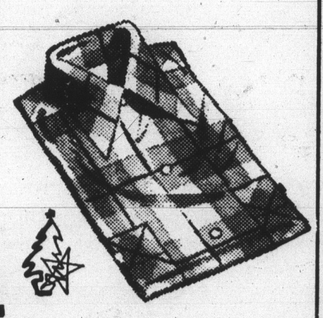

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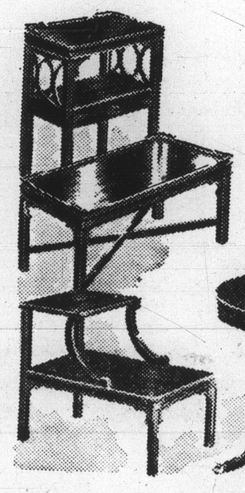
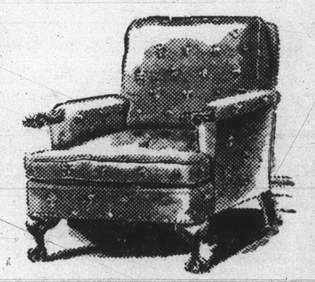
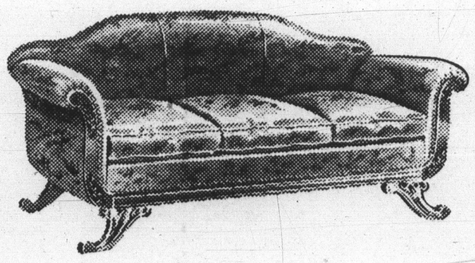


Christmas is celebrated in the home. Children, the fireside, a Christmas tree, candles, gifts, happy hearts, and merry faces. Christmas and the home have become inseparable thoughts, and gifts that serve to brighten the home seem most fitting for this great occasion.





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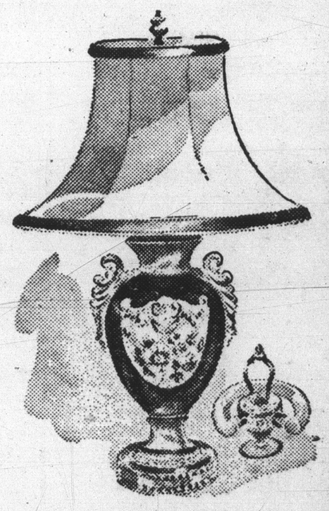

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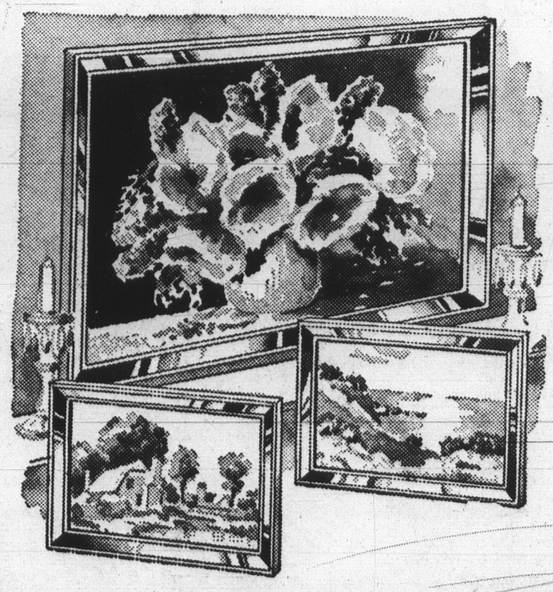

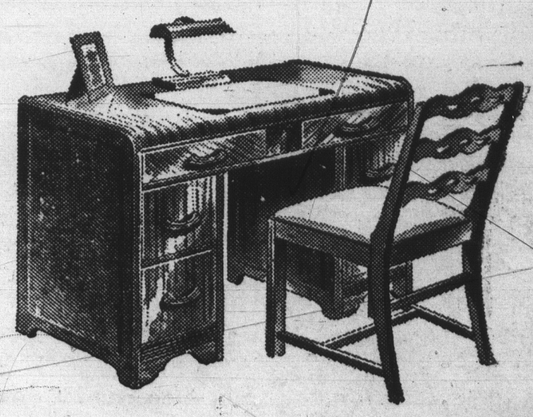

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Gold Digger's Trail

Charles Scott Haley

Leaving Patibamba, we started away from the Pachechaca and climbed a two thousand foot ridge which separates it from the Apurimac, of which it is a confluent. A short distance from the hacienda lies the town of Abancay, and as it was the first place of importance I had encountered since leaving Lima, I stopped to replenish my food supply. Among other things, I purchased a small can of shrimps, and used them for my lunch while riding. That night I came to Curuhuasi, a miserable little Indian village, and could barely remain on my horse, as I was doubled up with the cramps of what I knew to be ptomaine poisoning. I knew that something had to be done quickly, as I was miles away from help. The only person in the village who spoke Spanish was the alcalde, and the only lodging he could offer was in the local "cuarcel," or jail.

After unloading my pack and setting up my cot in the outer corridor, I hastened up the street till I found an evil smelling little bistro in the commercial quarter of town.

Here I filled a big glass full of "Aguardiente"—sugar cane brew—and into the rest of the mug I poured "Pizco"—grape brandy. I topped it off with the contents of an old and dusty bottle of English bitters that was on a back shelf. I downed this reprehensible mixture in a few gulps and secured the desired effect so rapidly that I had just time to reach the street.

This removed a large part of the poison, but I had little sleep that night. The cell next to the corridor was occupied by a humble malefactor whose wife came to sympathize with him—also to get drunk with him and take the edge off his confinement. The soldier on guard, after a brief absence, came back with a large jag and the materials for two more; so the lady was soon making the night untenable with her very expressive lamentations.

I will long remembers that night and its wailing accompaniment of Quichua inharmony. Next morning found me on my way early. One dare not let one's self get on one's back in a country of this sort, unless ready to quit, as the only available help lies in one's spirit. It was about two months before I was recovered of this illness, and my weight dropped down from one hundred and eighty to one hundred and twenty pounds. But the work was accomplished.

Winding down from Curuhuasi to the Apurimac, the next morning was one of the most impressive of the whole trip. The trail, built carefully with slave labor in Inca times, clung to the precipitious walls of the rock gorge like some monster limpet. Some thousand

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Nevada County Long Ago -

Floy-Margaret Reynolds

20 YEARS AGO

The Nevada City basketball team won a game from Sacramento Part Time Hi 28-13. Guards were Skeahan and Hogan, forwards were Evans and Brisebell and Pierce was at center.

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Ray Titus, ditch tender of the Banner Mountain section, drove to Grass Valley for his week-end buying in a sleigh pulled by horses wearing sleigh bells. The snow was twenty-four inches deep and he was unable to use his automobile.

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Mr. Herbert Nile had a crew of men ready with skis to take care of any breaks in the P. G. and E. ditches.

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Byron Janes, editor of the Nevada City High School News, suggested the following characterizations for the firemen's annual masked ball: Beatrice Cassidy as Lady Macbeth. Bill Rector as Anthony, Lionel Davies as Jack the Giant Killer, Laurel Phillips as Little Eppie, Olga Regalia as Rebecca, Pierson Tuttle as Long John Silver, Milton Masters as Lindbergh, Tom Hogan as Ivanhoe, Carl Murchie as Sir Launcelot, Nadine Neagle as Little Bo Peep and Bill Jeffreys as Humpty Dumpty.

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Elton Smith of San Francisco visited for several days with his aunt, Mrs. W. E. Moulton of French Corral. Mr. Smith was a native of French Corral.

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50 YEARS AGO

The parlors of the Methodist Church of Nevada City were the settings for a two nights' bazaar. A chicken dinner was served on the first evening and a pasty supper the second. Price of each dinner was twenty-five cents. Following the suppers a musical and literary program was offered by local talent. During the first evening Mrs. G. F. Adair was heard in a vocal solo, Miss Martha Sims in a recitation, Mr. and Mrs. Robb in a vocal duet, Miss Fannie Phelps in a recitation and Mrs. Prisk in a vocal solo. Program for the second evening included Mrs. Arbogast and Miss Phelps in an instrumental duet, Miss Constance Bree in a vocal solo, Master Wallace in a recitation, Mrs. Schroeder and Miss Adair in a vocal duet and Miss Libby Hicks in a recitation. The bazaar presented a flower booth conducted by Little Jessie Cook, Vesta Walling and Bessie and Helen Phelps. Miss Mary Martin and Jessie Mott attired in Japanese costume, presided over a Japanese booth. A candy booth was supervised by Mrs. Jas. F. Colley and Mrs. Frank E. Wadsworth. Mrs. T. W. Bowman and Mrs. J. H. Rogers sold articles of fancy and needlework and the Misses Annie Clemo and Jennie Tredinnick sold dolls William Giffin, Nevada City's poet laureate, gained for himself the seat of honor at the pasty supper by writing the following lines:

You may keep your ice cream and
your hot oyster stew,
Your quail on toast and your
marshmallows too.
My choice is the pasty with its
crisp flaky crust
Oh! pass it along that I may
eat till I bust.

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75 YEARS AGO

The San Juan Hotel, owned by Mr. Fred Schmidt. was undergoing thorough repair. A new dining room was to be added, the barroom was to be refitted and in a measure rebuilt, and the bedrooms were enlarged and refurnished with new furniture and bedding.

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Eagle Hose Company No. 2 of Grass Valley elected the following officers: Henry Stewart, foreman; George Murphy, first assistant; David Binkleman, second assistant; Joseph Skelton, secretary.

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Nevada County was well represented in the State Legislature. Samuel J. Eddy was elected one of the porters in the Senate, J. W. Chinn was elected one of the secretaries of the Senate, and John Webber of Grass Valley was elected one of the clerks of the Assembly.

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At a meeting of Madison Lodge No. 23, F. and A. M., of Grass Valley the following were elected: A. Morehouse, W. M.; Samuel Kendig, S. W.; James Gluyas, J. W.; W. Spencer, treasurer; Geo. W. Hill, secretary; and A. B. Brady, John C. Coleman and Wm. McCormick, trustees.

Local PeopleAttend Fairman's Fair

GRASS VALLEY: Two local people are attending the Western Fairs Association "Fairman's Fair" in San Jose, California.

They will see advertising, news displays, premium book and photography contests and hear details of a $70,000,000, 5-year building program, most of which will be in California where it will be paid for from state revenues from metropolitan horse racing and wagering.

Following local people today registered for the Western Fairs Association's annual convention, December 6-10, to study exhibits and lectures for better fair management:

Manager Loyle Freeman, 17th District Agricultural Association, Grass Valley; Director Malcolm Hammill, Nevada County Fair, Grass Valley.

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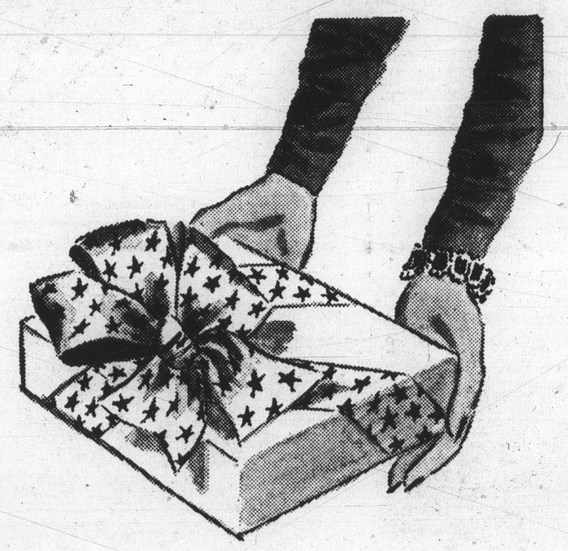
Millard Sheets Art Exhibit In Sacramento At Crocker Gallery

SACRAMENTO: During World War II "Life" sent Millard Sheets to India and now he is bringing India to California—not in the dirty squalor and abject poverty he found in Begamspur where he made his sketches—but in water color. Sheets says that India is colorful and exotic; so is his show at the E. B. Crocker Art Gallery.

Millard Sheets, born in prosperous and spotless Pomona, has found his inspiration for this show in the primitive farmland of India where the farmers rent tiny farms under a feudal system and live in houses made of palm leaves, bamboo and mud. He portrays women carrying jugs of water or logs on their heads, or families harvesting their grain with sickles. A most important picture in the show is entitled "The Poultry Man." Sheets loves color, sometimes subtle harmonies —fresuently strong color — and sometimes violent combinations with strong reds.

His brushwork is broad and his line sweeping and decorative. He is esually clever in portraying the human figure in repose and in rhythmic action.

Millard Sheets is a versatile artist who does not hesitate to accept commercial work. He is an architect and a landscape architect. After graduating from Chouinard in Los Angeles and while he was preparing for his first one-man show, he incidentally won a $1,750 prize for a painting entitled "The Goat Ranch" in a show in San Antonio, Texas.



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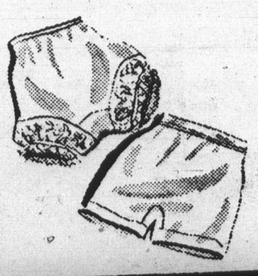

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GRASS VALLEY: A huge Christmas star, after a lapse of 14 years, will soon blaze again atop a tall tree at 506 Linden Avenue. The star was placed and lighted for many years by the late Mrs. Allison Watt.

Matt DePauli, who now owns the property, is having a new star made and the tree rewired. The star when installed will stand 120 feet above the ground and will be visible from almost any point in Grass Valley.

Barbara Belding Queen Of Job's Daughters

GRASS VALLEY: With appropriate ceremony, Miss Barbara Belding, a student in Placer College, was installed as honored queen of Grass Valley Bethel, No. 102, Job's Daughters, last Saturday night.

She succeeds Miss Betty Rae Waddelow, who is retiring. Other officers installed were senior princess, Dorothy Abraham; junior princess, Betty Lou Holt; guide, Barbara Green; marshal, Eleanor Hooper; chaplain, Margaret Davis; treasurer, June Hyatt; recorder, Margene Hooper; librarian, Edna Williford; and musician, Carol Fischer.

Mrs. Harold Shiffer and son, Gerry, spent a week-end with Mr. Shiffer in Corning, Tehama County.

Military Rites For Carl La Crosse

GRASS VALLEY: Carl LaCrosse, killed in action in Italy September 15th, 1944, was buried with full military services Saturday afternoon. with Rev. Frank Buck in charge, and the American Legion Military Escort performing the military features of the ceremony. Burial was in Elm Ridge Cemetery with Myers Mortuary Chapel in charge.

LaCrosse was graduated from the Grass Valley High School in 1943. He entered army service a few months later.

Surviving is his mother, Mrs. Alma LaCrosse, formerly of this city, now residing in Hayward, Alameda County, two brothers, Kenneth LaCrosse, Stanford University, and Robert and Gary LaCrosse, Hayward.

LaCrosse was a grandson of the late James and Jane Ledwich, an old time Grass Valley family, formerly living on South Church Street.

Last Rites Held For Floyd W. Heiser

NEVADA CITY: Funeral services were held Tuesday in Holmes Funeral Home for Floyd W. Heiser, who died Friday night in a local hospital. Burial was in Gridley, Butte County.

The deceased was employed as a logger. He and his family formerly lived in Nebraska. They ave been in Nevada City for three years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. LaMerle Heiser, and daughters, Mrs. Zelma Snider, Central Valley, Mrs. LaVina Burton, Grass Valley, and Roxanna, Bonita, Lorraine and Winona, all of this city.

Heiser was born in Nebraska 46 years ago.

Potluck Luncheon For Peardale Home Dept.

GRASS VALLEY: The Peardale Home Department met in the last meeting of the year for a potluck luncheon.

Mrs. Frances Dunkinson, county farm home demonstrator, gave an interesting talk on Christmas decorations. The members were told how fortunate they were to have available so many green things, pine cones, ferns and bright berries.

Margaret Lause, who recently arrived from the Russian occupation zone of Germany, was a visitor. She will tell the story of living conditions in that country some time after New Year's Day.

Two new members were introduced, Mrs. Edna Savage of the Colfax Highway and Mrs. Marion Osgood of Meadow Drive.

Topic for the next meeting on January 12th is, How Food Can Help Women Keep Fit After Forty.

ALLEGED NON-PROVIDER

NEVADA CITY: Raymond Blakeley of Tyler, Nevada County, is in the county jail, charged with failure to provide. He will have his preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace George W. Gildersleeve on December 16.

THINKING OUT LOUD

By H. M. L., SR.

The national council of a college fraternity has suspended the charter of a chapter because they admitted a Negro student to be one of the brothers. We can not know what the merits of this controversy are without knowing what the qualifications of the Negro were. He may have been a brilliant student or an excellent athlete or both. At any rate the national council has made outcasts of the fraternity members while the charter is suspended.

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We think the council is wrong. Fraternal members will undoubtgress, the Negro will still have posed by being, for some years at least, without the fold. This could have been avoided by the council overlooking the incident. The fraternity was engaged in making an experiment in the brotherhood of man. The council could have aided in the experiment but missed its opportunity.

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Negroes, who came to this country as slaves, have benefited enormously through their association with the white race. in 400 years they have acquired the civilized attributes that white men have been 4,000 years in acquiring. Their progress has been phenomenal. Little by little they are overcoming the obstacles of injustice, denial of their rights under our laws, and in some degree, social discriminations.

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There are now several Negroes in our baseball league teams, on our professional and college football squads, and a few have participated in our Olympic games. These Negroes earned their places in athletics. The areas in which they are still most repressed are the ones in which they formerly were slaves. The white man finds it hard to forget that he was once master and the Negro was once his property.

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But still we insist the Negroes of the United States are far better off, far more advanced in cultural and intellectual standards than in any country in the world. Slowly, persistently the colored race is gaining the respect of the white race. Despite lynchings, despite discriminatiry poll tax laws, Jim Crow segregations, and other repressive measures, the Negro is winning. He is winning on his merits as a student, as a vocal and instrumental musician, as an actor and as a professional man. Usually one or two sits in the U. S. Congress. When civil rights laws are adopted in Concome, rising first from wandering a fight on his hands, but it will be easier.

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But when we think of the long hard road the white races have come. rising, first from wandering tribal groups to permanent settlements with laws, advancing to become nations with hereditary kings, going from the age of feudal chiefs to parliaments that grant the common man his civil rights, a road that covers more than 4,000 years, we are amazed at the progress made by the Negro in 400 years in association with the white race. It is this association, of course, this tutelage which is mainly responsible for the phenomenal progress of the Negro.

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The chief impediment to the continued rise of Negroes is not economic or political. It is social. It will probably require hundreds of years to overcome the social barrier when the two races will intermarry.

BIRTHS

JONES—In Grass Valley, December 13. 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Jones, a son.

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FOREMAN—In Nevada City December 11, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Foreman of Grass Valley, a daughter.

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JENKINS — In Nevada City, December 11, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Jenkins of Grass Valley, a son.

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SLOUBER—In Grass Valley, December 5, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Slouber, a daughter.

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MOODY—In Nevada City, December 7, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. Laurel Moody, a daughter.

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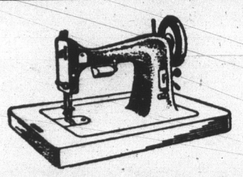

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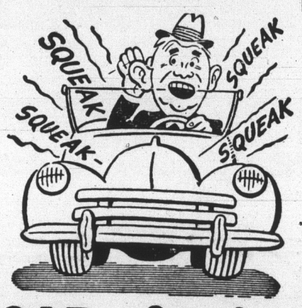

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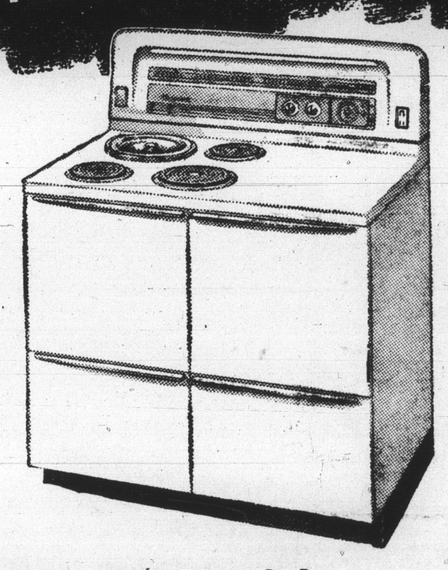

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITATION
No. 9115

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Adoption of LAURITA CLAUDINE STOVER, A Minor.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

To PAUL LESLIE STOVER:

By order of this Court you are hereby cited and required to appear before the Judge of this Court, in the Court House in the County of Nevada, State of California, at the Court Room, on the 4th day of March, 1949, at 10 o'clock A. M., then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said adoption should not be granted according to the petition filed herein.

WITNESS the Honorable Judge of said Superior Court of the State of California, County of Nevada.

ATTESTED by my hand and the seal of said Superior Court, this 29th day of November, 1948.

R. E. DEEBLE, County Clerk
By JOHN SBAFFI, Deputy

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Petitioner
Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6, 13. 20, 27

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS
No. 9102

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

ANCHO ERIE MINING CO., a corporation,
Plaintiff
vs.
HARRY W. OVERMAN, FRED L. MORRIS, ANCHO MINING & MILLING COMPANY, a corporation, ANCHO GOLD MINING COMPANY, a corporation, YELLOW TIGER CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY, a corporation, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto,
Defendants

Action brought in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, and the Complaint filed in the office of Clerk of said County of Nevada.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

Harry W. Overman, Fred L. Morris, Ancho Mining & Milling Company, a corporation, Ancho Gold Mining Company, a corporation, Yellow Tiger Consolidated Mining Company, a corporation, also all other persons unknown, claiming any right title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

Your are hereby notified that an action has been commenced against you in the above entitled court by the above entitled plaintiff for the purpose of determining all adverse claims to and clouds upon the title to all that certain real property situate in the County of Nevada, State of California, particularly described as follows:

The Edison Quartz Lode Mining Claim, being Lot No. 64, embracing a portion of Section 21, Township 18 North, Range 11 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, being more particularly described in the Patent from the United States of America to George Mainhart, dated December 16, 1896, recorded April 26, 1900, in Book 4 of Patents, at page 29.

You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the County of Nevada, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

You are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said plaintiff will take judgement for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or plaintiff will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, this 3rd day of September, A. D. 1948.

R. E. DEEBLE
Clerk
By JOHN SBAFFI
Deputy Clerk

(seal)
WM. J. CASSETTARI,
Attorney for Plaintiff
Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4913

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

IN the Matter of the Estate of CHRISTINA STEVENS, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, as Executor of the estate of CHRISTINA STEVENS, Deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to said Executor at the law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, Attorney at Law, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said CHRISTINA STEVENS, Deceased.

Dated this 9th day of December, 1948.

LLOYD V. SMITH,
Executor of the Estate of Christina Stevens, Deceased.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN
Attorney for Petitioner
Dec. 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6

LEGAL NOTICE

November 19, 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fish and Game Commission shall meet on January 7 and 8, 1949, in the California State Building, Los Angeles, California, to receive recommendations from its own officers and employes, from public agencies, from organizations of private citizens, and from any interested party as to what, if any, orders should be made relating to fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibia and reptiles or any species or variety thereof except no recommendations shall be received relating to the commercial taking of fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibia and reptiles or any species or variety thereof.

E. L. MACAULAY
Executive Officer

Filed with the Secretary of State November 22, 1948.
Dec. 16

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Max Solaro did on the 21st day of November, 1948, sieze and confine in Nevada City, California, at City Pound thereof, one brown mare, no brand, saddle-marked, age nine years, white spot on forehead, weight 1000 pounds, of the value of $75.00.

One bay mare, no brands or saddle marks, age three years, weight 1,000 pounds, of the value of $75.00, and said animals will be sold after thirty days from date hereof unless owner calls, identifies and re-possesses said animals according to the law.

MAX SOLARO
Dec. 16, 23, 30, Jan. 6

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 4906

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

In the Matter of the Estate of MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned, as Administrator of the estate of MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said Administration at the law offices of Frank G. Finnegan, Attorney at Law, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said MARY E. WANAMAKE, also known as MAMIE WANAMAKE, Deceased.

Dated this 26th day of November, 1948.

LEW E. WANAMAKE
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Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23

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UNTOUCHABLES. India where this bug-a-boo prevailed for centuries, has passed a law against it. But it exists in our country. Recently, on the morning bus to Colfax, a man, apparently a working stiff, got on. He was clean and good-looking. The only vacant space was part of a seat occupied by a nicely dressed young lady. Before the bus started another passenger arrived, so the man had to move closer to Miss Pretty. She gathered her skirt and coat about her, and pressed as close to the side of the bus as possible. We wondered if she should see him dressed up on certain occasions when the fems goo-goo and ga-ga over him if she would do the same. Alo wonder why these better than thous travel on common carriers with the common horde.

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FALSEHOOD. The old story of Santa Claus, by some child psychiatrists, is considered to be a great lie, sure and a grand one, but they state that it is responsible for many delinquent acts in later life. Maybe so, but most of us loved it and still do. We have all grown up to good law abiding citizens, and as always, are ready and waiting for the jolly old fellow this Christmas.

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STORK. Another great lie. If he dropped you at your parent's home on this date you are the kind of person who makes a true helpmate. You're a good sport in all of life's emergencies. Know how to have fun on the up periods, and how to buckle down with the same gusto when the going is not so good. You love life and have a wonderful time out of it. You do best in the professional, rather than the business world.

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GREETINGS. With best Christmas wishes for a wonderful holiday we close the column with a verse from Alfred Lord Tennysons "From In Memoriam".

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

THE FARMER'S CORNER
By Ralph H. Taylor

In San Francisco, last June, the voters approved a Charter amendment requiring the City Controller to examine every local ballot proposition involving the expenditure of public funds, and submit a complete report detailing the exact cost of such proposals.

As a consequence, the taxpayers of San Francisco know exactly where they stand when they go to the polls to pass judgment on the outlay of funds from the city's treasury. The Controller tells them, as definitely as it is possible to do so, how much each project will cost, how much it will add to the tax rate, and how much interest and charges they will have to pay before a specific bond issue is retired.

Under the amendment, the Controller forwards his complete financial analysis to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board in turn has printed copies of the Controller's report enclosed in the sample ballot mailing.

Thus, every San Francisco taxpayer who took the trouble to read the official documents mailed to him in advance of the last election knew almost to the penny how much money would come out of his pocket for the next five, ten, or twenty years to pay for local projects he was asked to endorse.

When the people of San Francisco voted in November, they rejected a half-dozen bond issues and approved one — for new school construction. Unquestionably the vote was influenced by the Controller's report. The people decided that while it would have been nice to boast, among other things, of a new Court Building and an expanded airport, they didn't want to foot the bills for them at the present time.

Legislation of the type described could serve as a model for other California counties, and for the State itself. It is beyond denial that all too often the people simply aren't provided with sufficient objective information to make a wise and intelligent decision involving the expenditure of millions of dollars of tax funds for this project or that.

As an example of situations created by lack of such advance information, the case of Proposition 4 on the State ballot is in point. Nowhere did the voters receive an independent breakdown of the cost of the increased pensions they approved by a majority so slender that absentee ballots had to be counted before the passage of the measure was confirmed.

True, opponents of the legislation asserted its cost would start at $125,000,000 a year, but the effectiveness of this statement was no doubt nullfied by the opposing contention of advocates of Proposition 4, who claimed that the total increase to the State would be only about $31,000,000 a year.

The voters had no means of determining, through independent analysis submitted by disinterested experts, whether the figures of those opposing the measure or those supporting it were correct.

Now it appears that the $125,000,000 figure may have been too conservative. Everyone, from Governor Warren to local Boards of Supervisors, agrees that the passage of Proposition 4 presents the State with a huge financial headache which only the levying of additional taxes on a heavy scale will ameliorate.

There is another aspect to the State's dilemma. In the absence of any organized campaign against the pension act, it is not speculative to conclude that tens of thousands of voters did not know, when they voted for Proposition 4, that its cost would be a first lien against the Treasury; that they were freezing into the Constitution a scale of payments which could be revised only by another election; or that certain promoters of the measure were guaranteed plush administrative jobs under its terms.

In the last few weeks voices have been raised throughout the State urging that remedial action be taken to cushion the financial blow and relieve the threat to the State's credit resulting from the passage of Proposition 4. Various procedures have been suggested, including an appeal to the courts to test the constitutionality of the act. In the end, however, it may be that only by resubmitting the entire measure to the electorate can the people hope to evade the consequences produced by a lack of understanding of the facts.

Funeral Services Held For Mrs. Harriet Forrest

GRASS VALLEY: Funeral services were held in St. Patricks' Catholic Church Saturday morning for Mrs. Harriet Ryan Forrest, 86, a life-long resident of this city, who died Wednesday night at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clemo of 114 Race Street.

Mrs. Forrest was born in Bangor, Maine and came to Grass Valley with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, when she was two years of age. She became a devoted member of the Catholic Church and participated in its affairs actively.

Besides her daughter, Catherine Clemo, with whom she lived, she leaves a brother, James Ryan of Sacramento, and a number of grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Rev. Patrick O'Reilly conducted the mass. Interment under direction of Hooper and Weaver, was in the Catholic Cemetery.

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MISTLETOE CIRCLE PARTY

GRASS VALLEY: Mistletoe Circle, Companions of the Forest, gave a Christmas party last Tuesday evening for children and their guests. There was a Christmas tree, an exchange of gifts, and a Christmas program, followed by refreshments.

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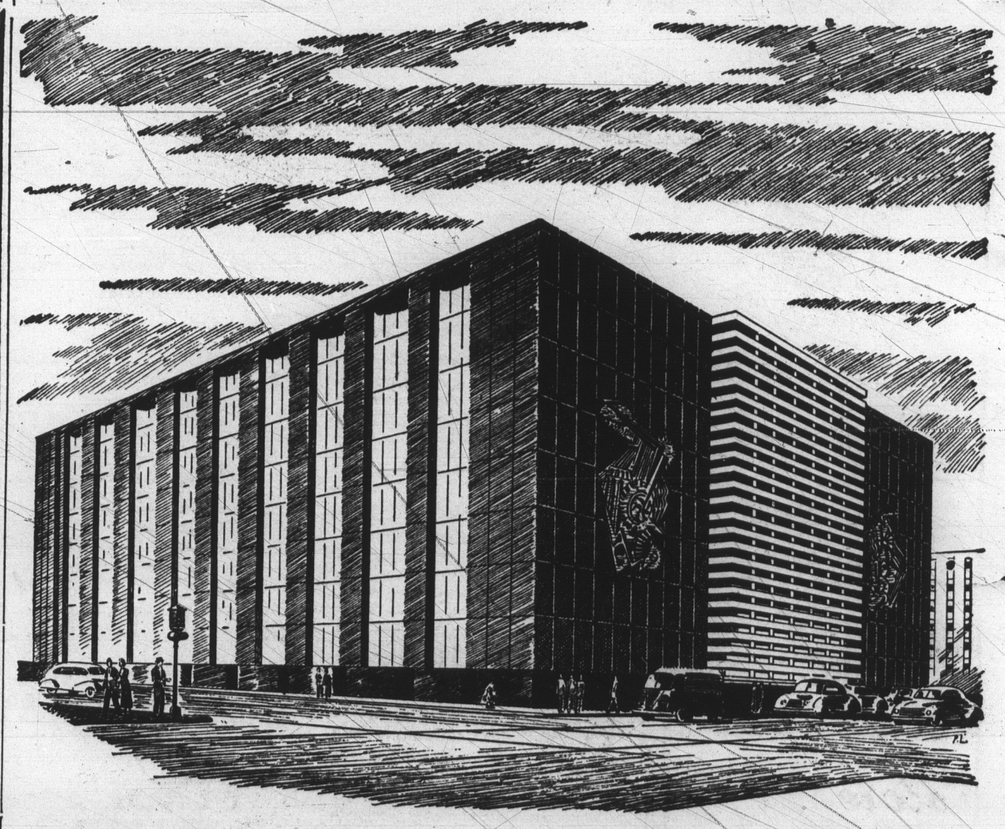
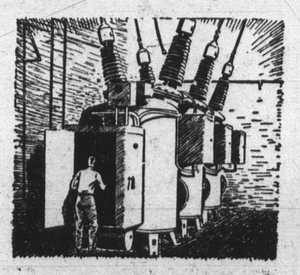


Dramatic symbol of electricity today is P. G. and E.'s new transmission and distribution station on Mission Street near San Francisco's Civic Center. The station was designed along clean, functional lines with massive construction — a modern style of architecture that reflects dignity and strength, and adds to the city's beauty. Two 110,000-volt underground cables — first in San Francisco's history — carry power into the building where it is transformed, or "stepped down," into lower, usable voltages. The current is then fed into the intricate network of substations and distribution lines that supply San Francisco's homes and businesses with light and power.



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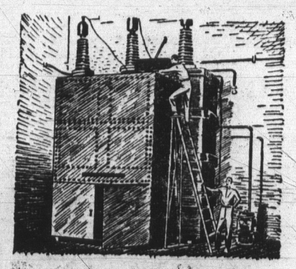

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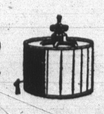

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Veterans' News

World War II veterans holding unused Certificates of Eligibility for G-I Bill education or training issued before September 1, 1948, who are planning to enter training for the first time after January 1, 1949, should exchange them immediately for a new type certificate.

The certificates may be exchanged in person or by mail at any Veterans Administration office.

VA is urging the erchange because of new registration techniques that will be used after January 1, 1949, to safeguard the interests of veterans and the government.

After January 1, 1949, the extent of entitlement for training of each veteran enrolling with an old certificate must be verified by VA before tuition and subsistence payments may be made. In verifying entitlement, VA must assign each enrollee a claim number and set up the initial index record for the veteran.

By exchanging the old certificates before entering training, the veteran will enable VA to dispose of these actions well in advance. This will make possible more prompt and accurate service to the veteran after his training starts.

Surrender of the old certificates will provide these additional advantages to the veterans now holding them:

1. The veteran will be assured that all the training time to which he is entitled is shown on his new certificate;

2. Early training restrictions of the original law that may be shown on the oldest certificates will be removed;

3. The claim number that will be assigned will afford a speedy identification in all future dealings the veteran has with VA;

4. The different types of certificates issued as stop-gap measures to speed certification for training following the rapid demobilization of the armed forces will be eliminated and replaced with a single standard form used throughout the country;

5. The new certificates will be accepted by schools and VA without question. Old certificates are not acceptable until verified.

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A total of 6,913,600 National Service Life Insurance policies, representing more than $40.5 billion of insurance protection, were in force on October 1, Veterans Administration said.

Of the total, 5,342,480 policies were term insurance. The remaining 1,571,120 policies had been converted to the half-dozen available permanent forms of GI insurance.

Question: Are the widower and children of a woman veteran entitled to a pension at her death?

Answer: Under present laws, a widower is not entitled, but surviving children may be entitled to pension.

Question: May pension or compensation payments, accruing to a veteran and unpaid at the time of his death, be awarded to the widow, children or dependent parents?

Answer: Yes, in the order named. If it is not paid to one of these persons, it may be payable to the person paying the expenses of the last sickness and burial.

Question: My son was killed idn action during World War II. Am I entitled to compensation?

Answer: You are entitled to compensation. provided dependency can be shown. Dependency will be held to exist if you do not have sufficient income to provide reasonable maintenance for yourself and your family.

Question: While in the Army, I had a dependency allowance for my mother. I am now attending school under Public Law 346. Is it necessary for me to re-establish dependency of my mother?

Answer: Yes. For further details, contact your local Veterans Administration office.

Tis the Season to Be Jolly— Let's Not Spoil Our Fun With Folly

THE holiday season is one of happiness and rejoicing. With thoughts attuned to things ethereal, the Christmas spirit, and that feeling for our fellow man that pervades the season, many of us are apt unconsciously to become accident bait.

Here are pine-time pointers to help prevent those holiday mishaps, all based on actual accidents reported to the Red Cross:

Even if bubbling over with Christmas spirit, try to keep a corner of your mind on the immediate present.

If your daughter is in a candlelight service or entertainment requiring angelic costumes, insist on electric tapers. Thin, gauzy costumes burn like all get-out, as do many garlands, wreaths and trimmings used to decorate Sunday schools, churches, and homes.

When you're downtown shopping, remember the traffic cop is your pal. Follow his instructions. Don't load yourself so high with packages you need a seeing eye dog. Many a shopper has come a cropper in a revolving door because he forgot to remember that fools rush in where angels wouldn't push.

Keep your eye on Junior! The same goes for little Jane. There's no telling what they'll do when shopping with Papa or Mama. Parachuting from the mezzanine, falling off swings, tumbling down crowded stairs, and hurting themselves on sharp, pointed toys, are just a few possibilities reported to the Red Cross—in addition to their getting lost and spoiling the rest of the day for you.

When it comes to the tree, put it in the coolest spot in the room so it won't dry out too quickly. Don't over-extend yourself when putting the star on the topmost tip or in reaching for a branch. It's safer to move the stepladder.

Keep little tykes away from the turkey you are basting. Hot gravy

can be painful and yell-provoking. If Junior in his new cowboy suit wants to play wild west, don't allow him to add your carving knife to his outfit.

In other words, let the season be one of happiness and rejoicing, salted with a measure of sense and safety.

XMAS DINNER FOR G-I JOE

SEATTLE (Wash.) It's usually as hard to drag a good recipe out of a fine cook as a confession from a firebug, but the master chefs of the U. S. Army parted with one today.

It is the recipe for oyster stuffing for the big tom turkeys averaging 28 pounds that will be served to soldiers all over the world who are away from home at Christmas.

The cooking staff at Fort Lawton, the overseas troop and supply cantonment which services the Seattle Port of Embarkation, gave out the "inside" information with the idea that Mom might like to tell her family this Yuletide:

"The stuffing in our turkey is the same kind Johnny is eating in his Christmas dinner at camp."

Pacific Coast oystermen have been rushing thousands of pounds of fresh oysters, frozen in 6-pound cans, to Army centers in time for distribution. R. H. Bailey, president of the Willapoint Oyster Corporation in Seattle, said his firm put on extra workers and added a night shift at several plants in order to be sure that GI Joe gets his turkey properly stuffed.

Here is the official recipe, to serve 100, according to Capt. G. B. Pierce, Post Mess Officer:

½ gallon oysters
5 lbs. chopped celery
2½ lbs. finely chopped onions
3 lbs. fat for frying
24 lbs. soft bread crumbs
1½ oz. poultry seasoning
2 oz. salt, ½ oz. pepper
8 oz. parsley

Fry celery and onions until partially cooked, add bread crumbs, poultry seasoning, salt, pepper and parsley. Mir well. Place in greased baking pan, cover with parchment paper. Heat oysters in own liquid until edges begin to curl. Drain, add to recipe for dressing. Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees Fahrenheit, about 1 to 1½ hours.

And here is the master menu for Christmas dinner to be served all Army men and women on land, in case families at home would like to reproduce it:

Celery hearts, green olives, sweet pickles, iced tomato juice cocktail, roast turkey, oyster dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, Virginia baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, snowflake potatoes, buttered green beans, buttered kernel corn, lettuce hearts with French dressing, Parker House rolls, pumpkin pie, mincemeat pie, fruit cake, cigarets, salted nuts, hard candies, coffee, milk and sugar.

Troops on ships at sea will get about the same dinner, according to Tom Svendson, steward of the Seattle Port of Embarkation. Ship cooks are civilians and individualists, he added, but each prides himself upon his virtuosity in the galley.

Army, Navy and Marine Corps menus are made up weeks, sometimes months, in advance and supplies ordered for the feasts of the year. There was a rush in the item of the turkey dressing, because of the late oyster crop, caused by tardy spawning on the Pacific Coast.

S. F. Mine Group In Mother Lode Meet

SONORA: Members of the mining committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the Mother Lode Mining Association and the Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce this week held a joint meeting at Sonora Inn here to discuss problems confronting the industry, particularly as they affect Mother Lode gold mine operators.

The San Francisco Chamber's mining group has taken an active part in attempting to solve some of the problems of the industry and has taken the lead in the campaign to obtain an increase in the price of gold mined in the State.

The meeting held here this week is the second recently held by the San Francisco group outside the city. Last year a joint meeting was held at Grass Valley with the Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce.

An official greeting from the City and County of San Francisco was conveyed to those in attendance at the meeting.

Funeral Service For John J. Connell

GRASS VALLY: John J. Connell, of Alleghany, Sierra County, died in a local hospital Thursday night at 6 o'clock. For many years he had engaged in mining and operating hotels. Funeral services were held in St. Patrick's Catholic Church Monday morning at 10 A. M. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Connell had been in failing health for the past two years and he sold his business in Alleghany and in other Sierra County communities for that reason.

Connell was a native of Ireland, 65 years of age. He is survived by a brother, Michael Connell of Alleghany, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Waldren and Mrs. Della Leahet, both of Boston, Massachusetts.

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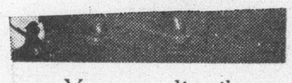

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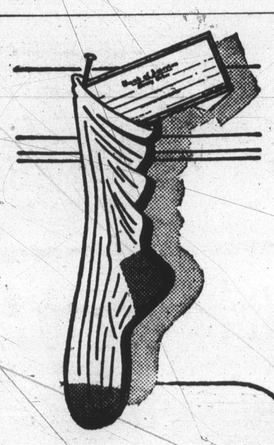

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SUPERVISORS CARRY ON AGED, BLIND AID

NEVADA CITY: The board of supervisors met and signed contracts with the state department of welfare officials to carry on with old age pensions and payment of pensions to the blind, until the new regime established by passage of Proposition 4 at the November 2 election, can be organized.

The supervisors state that in thre months the cost of taking care of 658 old age pensioners will amount to $19,740, and of 22 blind persons, to $3,000 more than under the old schedule of payments.

Graveside Service For Weldon Fawcett

GRASS VALLEY: Graveside services for Weldon Fawcett were held Monday afternoon, under direction of Myers Mortuary Chapel in the Redmen's Cemetery. Rev. Frank H. Buck conducted the service.

Fawcett died in a Sacramento hospital Friday morning. He was born and reared in this city. He was 45 years of age.

Surviving are brothers and sisters Albert Fawcett, Courtland, Mrs. Rosemary Perry, Oakland, Ms. Dora Wark and Frank Fawcett of Grass Valley and Mrs. Mildred Plummer. Sacramento.

Last Rites Held For Fanny Holbrook Campbell

NEVADA CITY: Funeral services took place Monday at Holmes Funeral Home for Fanny Holbrook Campbell, who died Thursday afternoon in a local hospital. Rev. Frank Buck, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Grass Valley, conducted the service. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell was born in Vermont 74 years ago. She had lived in Nevada City, however, for 74 years. She came to California in 1878 with her parents in a covered wagon, and for a time resided at Montesuma Hill where her parents established a service station, restaurant. and rooming house. A few years later the family removed to Nevada City where they built the Nevada House which stood where the City Hall now stands on Broad Street.

Surviving are her children, Earl Holbrook, Mrs. Neva Curry, and Achie Campbell, all of Nevada City, Mrs. Alice Wells of Lakeview, Oregon, and Mrs. Minnie Stone of Oakland. Also bereaved are 9 grandchildren and 2 geat-grandchildren.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

The Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday in their church at 114 Boulder St. at 11 o'clock.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Wednesday evening testimonial meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 8 o'clock.

Our Reading Room is in the church foyer. It is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, holidays excepted, from 2 to 4 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend our services and visit our Reading Room.

This question, "Is the Universe, Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force," is the subject of the Christian Science Lesson-Sermon for Sunday, December 19. The Golden Text is "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all" (Psalms 103:19).

Included in the sermon are the following citations:

The Bible: 'But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall [redacted] constituent masses hold to each other, the magnitudes, distances, and revolutions of the celestial bodies, are of no real importance, when we remember that they all must give place to the spiritual fact by the translation of man and the universe back into Spirit. In proportion as this is done, man and the universe will be found harmonious ond eternal'' (p. 209).

-:- Gold Digger's Trail -:-

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feet below, the turbulent flood of the Apurimac, blood-red in the morning sun, roared down its canyon. Ahead, in dizzy sweeps down the precipitous side, a zigzag path led to an ancient bridge, remodeled in recent years so that it was passable for a beast of burden. Straight up the other side we scrambled until the heights of La Estrella appeared. After two hours of stiff climbing, we came out on a broad table land in the midst of which, surrounded by green and fertile fields, the hacienda of La Estrella spread out its welcoming arms.

Resting here overnight, my hosts were two or three young Peruvians of the same class that I have mentioned before—jovial, well mannered and talkative. They gave me of a delightful hospitality, and decided that as I was the first gringo who had ever been in these parts, I presented a golden opportunity. They yearned to be educated in the American pastime of draw poker. It took several hours for the accomplishment of their desires, and I was grieved to notice that I had won a considerable sum of money from my hosts. So to ease my conscience, I suggested that they teach me a native game played with Spanish cards which I had observed. I had no weight left on my conscience and considerably less weight in my pockets by the time we rolled into bed.

This was the most comfortable stopping place I had yet encountered in Peru, though well up on the headwaters of the Amazon. It was equipped with electric light, a player piano and numerous other comforts of civilization. I stayed here for another day to rest, and encountered Don Antonio Trelles, whose house had been mine at Amoray. The rest of the journey to Cuzco we made together.

Next morning, leaving early, we passed the Rio Blanco and the Rio Colorado, which are both tributaries of the Apurimac, and came to Limotambo. Just east of this village I encountered my first Inca fortress, and marveled as all travelers do, at the skill and cunning with which the heavy masonry is fitted together. Blocks of stone weighing many tons were transported by the crudest means over the trails and fitted so perfectly by Inca masons that one can scarcely see the jointures.

Another interesting sight was the hillsides covered with "andenes"—the terraces built to conserve th[illegible] and keep it from washing away, as well as to [illegible]he steep slope for the growing of [illegible]n trees. These date from many [illegible] Spanish conquest, and the present [illegible] the Incas still profit by the works [illegible]

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[illegible] surrounded on all sides with tropical vegetation and rocky, torrent-eroded hillsides, for miles ahead of us in the western sunlight a valley from five to ten miles wide unrolled itself like a green carpet. Some fifteen miles ahead of us the town of Anta, our destination for the night, shone like a splash of whitewash spilled on a green lawn.

(To be continued)

Harold Houser Heads Madison Lodge Masons

GRASS VALLEY: Harold Houser, a teacher in the James S. Hennessey School, has been chosen to succeed Leonard Martin as master of Madison Lodge No. 23. F. and A. M. Installation will take place in the Masonic Temple on January 8th, 1949.

Other officers chosen are Ed Farley, senior warden; Edmund Ferguson, junior warden; John Thomas, treasurer; James J. Rowe, secretary; Joseph T. Moran, John W. Martin and Frank Bennallacy, trustees.

THE HANDS OF TIME

Early watches had only one hand—the hour hand—but the owners were remarkably adept at estimating the correct time. according to the Jewely Industry Council. The minute hand, when it was introduced in the sevententh century, did not met with popular favor and the owners of two-handed watches were often regarded as mentally incompetent. Even before the minute hand was generally accepted, experiments were made with the second hand, mainly for the service of doctors in taking the pulse. These did not make an appearance on the watch until as late as 1900.

Splitting The Split Second

According to the Jewelry Industry Council, there exists an electric stop watch capable of measuring time intervals as brief as one-thousandth of one-millionth of a second, so short an interval that light, speding at 186,000 miles a second, would travel only one foot during the measured period The device was designed to measure the speed of atom particles and to count them as well.

POLICE PAY RAISE

GRASS VALLEY: The Grass Valley City Council has raised the pay of city policemen by $15 per month. The effective date of the increase was set at December 1st. Raises in wages for other city employees will be considered after the New Years.

LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY

NEVADA CITY: The Nevada City Lions Club held its annual Christmas party last Saturday night at the Rancho Sierra Lodge. More than forty persons attended the event. The evening opened with a delicious chicken dinner. Dancing followed unti 1 A. M.

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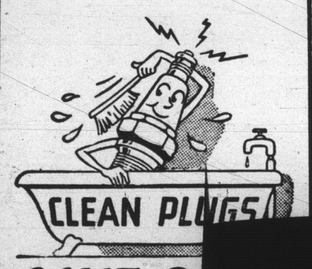

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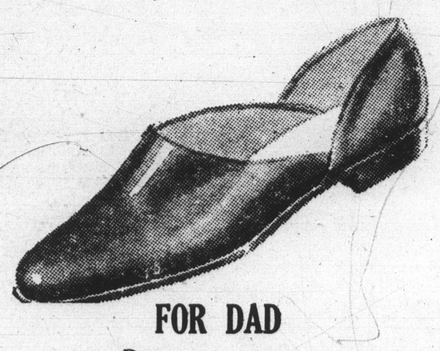

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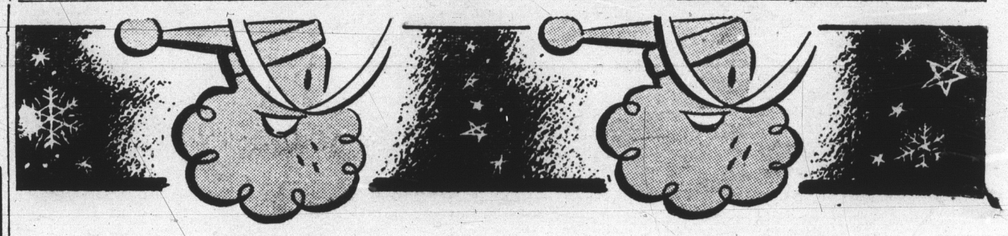

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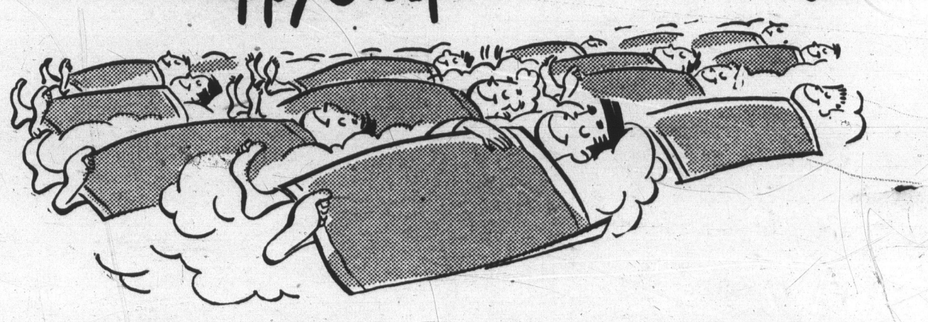

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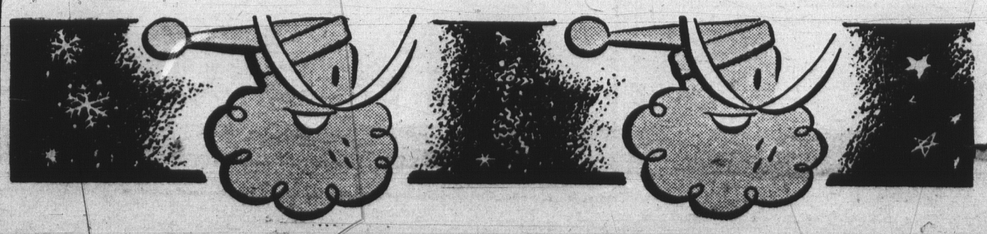
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